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SUBJECT: EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

REF: STATE 016183

1. AS TOBACCO IS THE ONLY BULK AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY IMPORTED IN VOLUME DIRECTLY FROM THE US, BY SWEDEN, AGATTACHE REQUESTED COMMENTS ON SUBJECT ACT BY GOVERNMENT OWNED SWEDISH TOBACCO COMPANY.

2. SVEN ANDREN, PRESIDENT OF THE SWEDISH TOBACCO COMPANY,  
HAS REPLIED IN PART:

"AS YOU KNOW WE ARE SINCE THE EARLY TWENTIES REGULARLY BUYING US TOBACCOS FROM EACH CROP, AT PRESENT ABOUT 16,000,000 LBS WITH A VALUE OF \$25,000,000. EACH YEAR WHEN OUR PURCHASES HAVE BEEN FINISHED AND THE TOBACCOS HAVE BEEN PAID BY US WE USUALLY STORE OUR TOBACCOS FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR IN THE USA BEFORE SHIPMENT TO SWEDEN. THIS IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY THROUGH AGING IN THE SUITABLE US CLIMATE.

"EVEN IF WE TODAY CAN HARDLY FORESEE ANY QUANTITATIVE LIMITATIONS ON TOBACCO EXPORTS FOR REASONS OF SHORT SUPPLY WE BEG TO CONFIRM THAT IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY WE COULD COMPLY WITH ALL THE REQUIRED CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTION FROM EXPORT  
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LIMITATIONS.

"WE WOULD, HOWEVER, REALLY CONSIDER IT AN UNNECESSARY EXPRESSION OF FUTILE RED TAPE IF FROM NOW ON AND IN NORMAL TIMES OUR COMPANY WOULD BE COMPELLED TO APPLY FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS YEAR AFTER YEAR FOR EVERY SINGLE PURCHASE WHICH WE WANT TO STORE FOR SOME TIME IN THE USA.

"TO AVOID SUCH BUREAUCRACY WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT SOME KIND OF A PERMANENT GENERAL EXDWPTION FOR EXPORT OF ONE YEAR'S NORMAL PURCHASES BE GRANTED THOSE REGULAR FOREIGN BUYERS WHO USUALLY STORE THEIR PURCHASES OF TOBACCO IN THE USA FOR SOME TIME. SUCH BUYERS, AS WELL AS THEIR NORMAL PURCHASE QUANTITIES, COULD EASILY BE IDENTIFIED AND REGISTERED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

"FOR YOUR INFORMATION WE BEG TO ADVISE THAT THE LEAF TOBACCOS BOUGHT BY US IN THE USA ARE EXLUSIVELY BOUGHT FOR USE IN OUR PRODUCTION AND NOT FOR ANY KIND OF TRADING."

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